



Grapefruit Complex

Daily Update: Wednesday, July 10, 2024

Alaska Incident Management Team 3 Incident Commander: Peter Butteri Location: 40 Miles north of Fairbanks Complex Acres: 90,698 Personnel: 178 Containment: 0% Completed Structure Preparation: 85%

Demobilizing of firefighting personnel and removing equipment from the field are in the final stages. Alaska Incident Management Team will transition the Grapefruit Complex to a Type 4 Organization on Friday at 4 p.m.

This will be the final update unless there are significant changes.

Wednesday will be significantly warmer and drier with similar weather expected on Thursday and Friday. Highs will reach the low to mid 70s under partly to mostly cloudy skies. Thursday has the best chance for additional rain with a system arriving from the east. Winds will remain light with gusts up to 15 mph. Relative humidity will drop to 40 and 45% with the driest day expected Saturday.

The Grapefruit Complex includes: Globe Fire (#253) – 21,761 Acres Iver Fire (#249) – 23,378 Acres Eagle Fire (#306) – 5,059 Acres Wilber Fire (#308) – 432 Acres Noodor Fire (#192) – 13,868 Acres Fossil Fire (#115) – 8 Acres. The Fossil Fire was declared out by fire managers on July 8.

Evacuations: All levels of evacuations have been lifted. As a reminder to not wait for an emergency to be in a Ready State.

Smoke: The fire perimeter is unlikely to change. However, as daytime temperatures rise in the upcoming weeks if the fuels dry out, some of the held heat through the rain event may produce smoke. Please turn on your headlights to help ensure the safety of firefighters and flaggers working in the area.

Road access: The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities will implement a 12-hour closure from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. for permanent repairs at milepost 57 the week of July 15. These repairs are not associated with fire activity or suppression efforts. Check <u>https://511.alaska.gov/</u> for additional road updates.

In addition to the above repair efforts, between Mile Post 28 and 57 areas of road damage are being identified and repaired. Watch for ADOT flagging personnel. Please turn on your headlights is advised to help ensure the safety of firefighters and flaggers working in the area.

Closures: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Eastern Interior Field Office will lift the White Mountains National Recreation Area closure at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2024.

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